

NAMING THE AUTHORIZED LOCK AND DAM NUMBERED 18 ON
THE VERDIGRIS RIVER IN OKLAHOMA AND THE LAKE CREATED
THEREBY FOR NEWT GRAHAM

DECEMBER 9, 1970.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. FALLON, from the Committee on Public Works,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 1500]

The Committee on Public Works, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1500) to name the authorized lock and dam numbered 18 on the Verdigris River in Oklahoma and the lake created thereby for Newt Graham, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to name lock and dam 18 on the Verdigris River, Okla., as the Newt Graham lock and dam and the lake created thereby as the Newt Graham Lake. S. 1500 is identical to H.R. 4224, introduced by Representative Page Belcher of Oklahoma, and on which hearings were held by the committee on December 1, 1970. H.R. 4224 has the support of the entire Oklahoma delegation.

GENERAL STATEMENT

Lock and dam 18 is a feature of the Arkansas River and tributaries navigation project. The overall project, authorized by the River and Harbor Act of July 24, 1946, will provide a 9-foot navigation channel from the Mississippi River at the mouth of the White River, to Catoosa, Okla.

Newt Graham played an important role in water resource development in the Arkansas Basin, serving as vice president of the Oklahoma Planning and Resources Board and as the Oklahoma representative on the Arkansas-White-Red River Basins Interagency Committee. He died in 1957 at the age of 74.

COST TO THE UNITED STATES

Enactment of this legislation will not result in any cost to the United States.

COMMITTEE VIEWS

The committee believes it fitting and proper to name this lock and dam, and the lake it creates, after Newt Graham, in recognition of his distinguished contribution to water resources development in the area.

AGENCY COMMENTS

Letter submitted by the Departments of the Army and the Interior offering no objection to the enactment of H.R. 4224, an identical bill, follows:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, D.C., August 19, 1969.

HON. GEORGE H. FALLON,
*Chairman, Committee on Public Works,
House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: This responds to your request for the views of this Department on H.R. 4224, the bill "To name the authorized lock and dam numbered 18 on the Verdigris River in Oklahoma and the lake created thereby for Newt Graham."

We have no objection to enactment of the bill.

The bill would designate the lock and dam numbered 18 on the Verdigris River, Okla. a feature of the Arkansas River and tributaries navigation project, as the Newt Graham lock and dam and the lake created thereby as the Newt Graham Lake, in honor of Robert Newton Graham, a prominent Oklahoma supporter of the Arkansas River navigation project for many years and a well-known business and civic leader. At the time of his death in 1957, he was vice chairman of the Oklahoma Planning and Resources Board.

The Bureau of the Budget has advised that there is no objection to the presentation of this report from the standpoint of the administration's program.

Sincerely yours,

WALTER J. HICKEL,
Secretary of the Interior.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY,
Washington, D.C., August 22, 1969.

HON. GEORGE H. FALLON,
*Chairman, Committee on Public Works,
House of Representatives.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Reference is made to your request for the views of the Department of the Army with respect to H.R. 4224, 91st Congress, a bill "To name the authorized lock and dam numbered 18 on the Verdigris River in Oklahoma and the lake created thereby for Newt Graham."

The purpose of the bill is stated in the title.

Newton R. Graham has played an important role in water resources development on the Arkansas Basin, serving as vice president of the Oklahoma Planning and Resources Board and as the Oklahoma representative on the Arkansas-White-Red River Basins Interagency Committee. He was instrumental in the development of the subject project.

Mr. Graham died in 1957 at the age of 74.

The Department of the Army has no objection to the enactment of H.R. 4224.

The Bureau of the Budget advises that, from the standpoint of the administration's program, there is no objection to the presentation of this report for the consideration of the committee.

Sincerely,

THADDEUS R. BEAL,
Acting Secretary of the Army.

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